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1. REFTEL WAS DISCUSSED WITH UK DEPT OF TRADE WHICH IS MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR AVIATION SECURITY. UK OPERATION AL PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING AIRCRAFT HIJACKINGS WERE DESCRIBED TO US AS FOLLOWS:

(A) DEPT OF TRADE "INFORMATION ROOM" IS PRIMARY CONTACT WITHIN UK GOVERNMENT FOR AIRCRAFT HIJACKINGS. THIS OPERATIONS CENTER IS MANNED MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 0830 TO 1730 LOCAL TIME. (PHONE NUMBER IN LONDON IS (01) 215-3831, 3832, 3833, 3834).

(B) IF AIRCRAFT HIJACK SITUATION DEVELOPS OUTSIDE HOURS DESCRIBED PARA (A) ABOVE, PRIMARY CONTACT BEFORE "INFORMATION ROOM" BEGINS OPERATIONS IS DEPARTMENT OF TRADE DUTY OFFICER IN LONDON (PHONE NUMBER (01) 215-7877) WHO MAY BE CONTACTED ANYTIME OUTSIDE OF NORMAL OFFICE HOURS (MONDAY-FRIDAY 0830-1730).

NOTE: THEREFORE, FIRST NUMBER TO CALL IS INFORMATION ROOM (PARA (A) ABOVE); IF INFORMATION ROOM NOT YET

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ACTIVATED IN HIJACK INCIDENT, THEN SECOND NUMBER TO

CALL IS DUTY OFFICER (PARA (B) ABOVE).

(C) AFTER DEPT OF TRADE INFORMATION ROOM IS IN OPERATION, CONTROL OF HIJACK INCIDENT CAN BE SHIFTED TO TWO OTHER LOCATIONS DEPENDING ON PARTICULAR SITUATION:

(I) IN CASE WHERE AIRCRAFT HAS LANDED IN UK TERRITORY OR LANDING IS IMMINENT, CONTROL WOULD BE SHIFTED TO HIGH LEVEL POLICY CONTROL CENTER. IN SUCH CASES THIS CENTER WOULD BE UNDER DIRECTION OF MINISTER IN CHARGE OF HOME OFFICE (MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICE FUNCTIONS IN UK) SINCE LOCAL UK POLICE WOULD HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING OF HIJACKING ON GROUND IN THE U.K.

(II) IN CASE OF UK HIJACKED AIRCRAFT LANDING IN FOREIGN COUNTRY WHERE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY WOULD BE IN FOREIGN RELATIONS AREA, CONTROL OF INCIDENT WOULD AT THAT TIME BE SHIFTED TO OPERATIONS ROOM AT FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (FCO).

NOTE: IN BOTH INSTANCES (I) AND (II) ABOVE DEPT OF TRADE INFORMATION ROOM WOULD CONTINUE TO BE OPERATED AND MANNED FOR DURATION OF HIJACK CRISIS. IN ALL CASES, APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL INVOLVED UK OFFICES WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT WHICH EVER OPERATIONS CENTER WAS EXERCISING PRIMARY CONTROL OF THE INCIDENT.

2. AS INDICATED ABOVE, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DESIGNATE A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD HAVE "DECISION MAKING"

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AUTHORITY DURING THE COURSE OF A HIJACK INCIDENT SINCE THAT AUTHORITY WOULD VARY FROM MINISTRY TO MINISTRY AND IN LEVEL WITHIN THE MINISTRIES DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION AS IT DEVELOPS. IN ALL, REPEAT ALL, AIRCRAFT HIJACKING INCIDENTS, HOWEVER, THE PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT IN THE UK GOVERNMENT IS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE'S INFORMATION CENTER. SHOULD CONTROL OF THE INCIDENT BE MOVED TO EITHER OF THE OTHER OPERATIONS CENTERS DESCRIBED ABOVE AS THE INCIDENT PROGRESSES, THE INFORMATION CENTER WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE NAMES, PHONE NUMBERS, ETC. OF APPROPRIATE CONTACTS AS SOON AS DECISIONS WERE MADE TO TRANSFER CONTROL.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE PRIMARY DEPT OF TRADE INFМАTION CENTER AND DUTY OFFICER NUMBERS PROVIDED ABOVE, SPECIFIC OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE WHO WOULD TAKE PART IN MANAGING ANY HIJACK INCIDENT INVOLVING THE UNITED KINGDOM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MR. W. P. SHOVELTON, DEPUTY SECRETARY, OFFICE
PHONE: 01-217-5314.

MR. G. C. DICK, UNDER SECRETARY, OFFICE PHONE:
01-217-3765.

MR. J. R. GILDEA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY' OFFICE PHONE:
01-217-5362.

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MR. R. FARMERY, OFFICE PHONE: 01-215-3832.

MR. STARK, OFFICE PHONE: 01-215-3831.

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